

Application No. 10/578,842  
Reply to Office Action of April 13, 2009

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 12. This sheet, which includes Fig. 12, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 12.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4 and 6-11 are pending in this application. Claims 2-4 and 6 are amended and Claims 8-11 are new. Support for the changes and additions to the claims is found in the original claims, Figs. 8-12 and in the specification at least at page 14, line 6 to page 15, line 1. Claims 1, 3 and 5 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to; the specification was objected to; Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; Claims 1, 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,830,344 (Cervenec); Claims 2 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cervenec in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,039,151 (Ringel); and Claims 5 and 6 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

As to the objection to the drawings, Fig. 12 is amended to indicate discharge switch 71. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the drawings has been addressed and the objection should be withdrawn.

As to the objection to the specification, the specification has been amended to correctly identify the structure shown in Fig. 12. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the specification has been addressed and the objection should be withdrawn.

As to the rejection of Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Claim 4 has been amended to recite “connected” as opposed to “disconnected,” which was indicated as indefinite. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 has been overcome and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 5 and 6. Although directed at a different statutory class and varying in scope, Claim 1 is rewritten to include the features of Claim 5 as new Claim 8. Additionally, Claim 4 is amended to recite the features of Claim 5. Consequently, Claims 1 and 5 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and it is respectfully submitted that both amended Claim 4 and new Claim 8 are allowable over the cited references.

Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that the outstanding grounds for rejection have been overcome and this application is in condition for allowance. Timely action to that effect is respectfully requested.

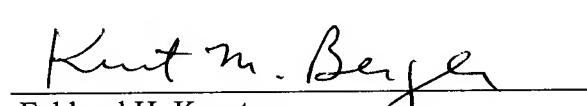
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